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CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT OF 25 MAY 1998 BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE AGENCY FOR ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS

1. The text of the Co-operation Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials is reproduced herein for the information of all Members.

2. The Agreement entered into force on 25 May 1998, pursuant to Article 8.

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BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
AND
THE BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE AGENCY FOR ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS

Whereas the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") provides for the conclusion of agreements establishing an appropriate relationship between the Agency and any other organizations the work of which is related to that of the Agency;

Whereas the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (hereinafter referred to as "ABACC") has been established to verify that all nuclear material in all nuclear activities in the Republic of Argentina and the Federative Republic of Brazil or under their jurisdiction or control are being used exclusively for peaceful purposes;

Whereas the Board of Governors of the Agency, on 24 September 1997, decided that the Agency should seek to conclude a relationship agreement with ABACC;

Whereas the Republic of Argentina and the Federative Republic of Brazil authorized the Secretariat of ABACC, through the Commission of ABACC, to seek to conclude a relationship agreement with the Agency;

Now therefore the Agency and ABACC (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 General Principles

1. With a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in the Agency's Statute, in the Agreement between the Republic of Argentina and the Federative Republic of Brazil for the Exclusively Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy in force since 12 December 1991 and in the Agreement between the Republic of Argentina, the Federative Republic of Brazil, ABACC and the Agency for the Application of Safeguards in force since 4 March 1994, the Agency and ABACC will maintain close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly and as appropriate in regard to matters of common interest.

2. When either Party proposes to initiate a programme or activity in the field of safeguards in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, it shall consult with the other Party with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as it is appropriate in the light of their respective rights and obligations as defined in the instruments referred to in paragraph 1 above.

ARTICLE 2 Representation

Whenever appropriate, arrangements will be made for the representation of the Agency or ABACC to relevant meetings convened under the auspices of the other Party.

ARTICLE 3 Exchange of Information

1. The Parties, to the extent practicable and as appropriate, shall exchange information, documents, studies and reports relating to matters of mutual interest, subject to any measures which may be necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain information, document, study or report.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be constructed as requiring either party to furnish such information as would, in the judgment of the Party possessing the information, constitute a violation of the confidence of any third party from whom it has received such information.

ARTICLE 4 Co-operation

1. The Agency and ABACC may request from each other scientific, technical and research assistance and co-operation in matters of common interest. Such assistance and co-operation may include, but is not limited to the following subjects:

   (a) training;

   (b) safeguards techniques and equipment development;

   (c) intercomparison of laboratories and analytical results;

   (d) information treatment;

   (e) development of safeguards documents.

2. If assistance is requested by either Party of the other, consultations shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting the cost of such assistance.

ARTICLE 5 Implementation of the Agreement

The Director General of the Agency and the Secretary of ABACC may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the experience of the two Parties.

ARTICLE 6 Notification to the United Nations

1. In accordance with its Agreement with the United Nations, the Agency will inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of this Agreement.

2. Upon entry into force of this Agreement, it will be communicated to the Secretary General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

ARTICLE 7 Amendment of the Agreement

The Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the two Parties.

ARTICLE 8 Entry into force, duration and denunciation

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Director General of the Agency and by the Secretary of ABACC. It shall remain in force for five years and be renewed automatically for further five year periods. Either Party may denounce the Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other Party.

DONE at Vienna, on the 25th day of May 1998, in duplicate, in English and Spanish, the text in both languages being equally authentic.

For the BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE AGENCY FOR ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS:

(signed)

Elías Palacios
Secretary

For the INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY:

(signed)

Mohamed ElBaradei
Director General